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AUSTRIA FAILS
TO OFFER ITALY
ENOUGH LAND

German Ambassador, Von Buelow, Reported to Have Abandoned His Efforts to Bring About an Agreement to Prevent Italian Intervention

AUSTRIAN CONCESSION
NOT EVEN PRESENTED

Rumanians Said to Be Insistent That Their Country Enter the War, the Fall of Przemyśl Having Served to Stir Them into Excitement

Attempts to arrange a settlement of the differences between Italy and Austria have apparently met with no success. A Rome newspaper states that Prince Von Buelow, the German ambassador at Rome, has abandoned efforts to bring about an agreement. Austria's final offer of territorial concessions is said to have been so far from meeting Italy's demands that the German ambassador did not submit it to the Italian government.

In the Balkans, there are increasing signs of unrest on the part of nations which have thus far kept peace. In addition to the popular demand in Rumania for intervention on the side of the allies, relations between Turkey and Bulgaria have also become uncertain.

Field Marshal Von der Goltz has left Constantinople for Sofia and General Von Sanders has gone to Adrianople, near which defenses are being erected as a guard against a possible attack by the Bulgarians.

Severe weather continues in the Dardanelles. No confirmation has come from Austrian sources of the Russian claim to a great victory in the Carpathians. According to a Petrograd announcement the Russian forces have definitely obtained the advantage in a battle which has been going on for several weeks.

Rome, via Paris, March 26.—The statement in The Messenger, regarded as inspired, that "neutrality or friendly negotiations can accomplish nothing in the present European situation, taken in conjunction with the increased military preparations, is accepted as presumptive evidence that Italy is approaching a moment when she is determined to pass from negotiations to action."

Germany is using her utmost endeavors to bring about an accord between Vienna and Rome, but that Austria would cede her Italian province to Italy and Transylvania to Rumania, is held here to be inconceivable.

GERMAN SUBMARINE
REPORTED SUNK

British Admiralty Believes the U-29 Went Down with All Hands, But No Details of Supposed Disaster Are Given.

London, March 26.—The admiralty has good reason to believe that the German submarine U-29 has been sunk with all hands.

This news published last night and following as it did reports that the attack on the Dardanelles had been resumed and that the Russians had won important victories over the Austrians in Bukovina and at Usak pass in the Carpathians gave the peoples of the allied countries cause for cheerfulness.

RUMANIANS DEMAND
WAR PARTICIPATION

Fall of Przemyśl is Said to Have Caused a Tremendous Sensation in Bucharest.

Paris, March 26, 5:30 a. m.—The fall of Przemyśl has caused a sensation in Bucharest and resulted in an increased popular clamor that Rumania enter the war on the side of the allies, according to a dispatch of the Paris Press.

MORE ATROCITIES

Turks Sland Austrian Christians in an American Mission.

Paris, Thursday, via Petrograd, March 26, 10 a. m.—Turkish troops have com-

mitted further acts of violence at the American mission in Urumiah, Persia, according to a message to the local viceroy from Gordon Paddock, American consul at Tabriz. Paddock transmits a message from a missionary, Robert M. Labaree, at Urumiah, saying that the Turkish consul, with a number of regular troops, forced his way into the mission compound and removed some Assyrian Christian refugees, who were then massacred. The Turks also beat and insulted the American missionaries.

SUNK WITH HER ORANGES.

Dutch Steamer Sent to Bottom by German Submarine.

Dover, March 26.—The Dutch steamer Medea was sunk off Beachy Head yesterday morning by the German submarine U-28. She carried a cargo of oranges and was bound from Saloniki for London.

The Medea was stopped by the submarine and the crew were given 15 minutes in which to leave the vessel. They did so and the submarine then fired several shots at the steamer, which remained afloat an hour. The crew rowed about in their boats until picked up by a destroyer, which brought them to Dover.

The trawler Alprecht was attacked by a submarine yesterday. A torpedo passed within 15 feet of the fishing boat while she was crossing the channel. A British patrol boat chased the submarine, which, however, disappeared.

London, March 26.—The admiralty, in reporting the sinking of the Medea by the U-28, says:

"The ship was flying the Dutch flag and had a Dutch crew aboard. Her name, 'Medea,' Amsterdam, was painted in large letters on her sides. The ship's papers were taken by the Germans, who refused to return them."

GIVEN TEN MINUTES
TO LEAVE VESSEL

British Crew Left Steamer Dalmira, Which Was Then Sunk by German Submarine.

London, March 26, 3:15 p. m.—The steamer Dalmira has been sunk by a German submarine off Boulogne, in the English channel and the members of the crew were given 10 minutes in which to leave the vessel. Subsequently they were landed on the Isle of Wight.

The Dalmira was a British steamer, engaged in trans-Atlantic trade, and arrived at Havre from St. John's, N. B., March 14.

STORM HINDERS WORK.

But Mine Sweepers in Dardanelles Kept At Their Work.

Paris, March 26, 4:35 a. m.—Mine sweepers continue their operations in the Dardanelles all Wednesday night, according to dispatches from Tenedos to the Athens correspondent of the Havas agency. They were protected by the guns of the allied fleet, but the work was made difficult by a violent storm.

"DON'T ROCK THE BOAT."

Is the Advice of President Wilson in Address Last Evening.

Washington, D. C., March 26.—Full confidence in the great body of calm people of the nation who serve as "stabilizers" when the excitable ones try to "rock the boat" in these perilous times was voiced last night by President Wilson in an address before the Baltimore conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, which is in annual session here.

The president appealed to the nation for support in administering his office, saying "if I can speak for you I am powerful, if I cannot, I am weak." He said it was possible for a people to be impatient "when a quarrel is none of theirs." Referring to the danger to missionaries in some foreign lands, of which he said he had thought much of late, he added:

"Wars will never have any ending until men cease to hate one another, cease to be jealous of one another, get the feeling of reality in the brotherhood of mankind which is the only bond that can make us think justly of one another and act righteously before God himself."

Bishop Warren A. Chandler of Atlanta, in introducing the president, declared that the members of the conference were behind him as patriots.

The president said in part:

"I value the churches of this country as I would value everything else that makes for the stability of our moral processes. There are a great many people—not so many that they give me a particular concern, but nevertheless a great many people who in the language of the day are trying hard to 'rock the boat.' The boat is too big for them to rock. They are of such light material that they cannot rock it much, but they are South through the motions and it is just as well for them to look around and act as if they were the great steady body of self-possessed Americans not to be hurried into any unconsidered line of action—sure that when you are right you can be calm, sure that when the quarrel is none of yours, you can be impartial, sure that the men who spend their passion most will move the little politics the least and that the reaction will not be upon the great body of American citizens, but upon themselves."

"So that I look upon you in the present circumstances as a great part of the stabilizers of the nation. You know that somebody has just invented a thing called a stabilizer that is used in connection with aeroplanes and this converts the erratic movements of the machine so that when it is adjusted it determines the plane upon which the machine is to move and the machine cannot depart from it. Something like that is the function of the great moral forces of the world to act as stabilizers even when we go up in the air."

"I need not tell you that the president by himself is absolutely nothing. The president is what the American nation sustains and if it does not sustain him then his power is contemptible and insignificant. If I can speak for you and represent you and in some sense stand on the moral forces that you represent then I am indeed powerful. If I cannot, then I am indeed powerless. I shall hope and believe that I go away from here sustained, as Bishop Chandler has so generously said, by your prayers. I hope I shall feel that I am sustained by your confidence."

DEATH OF 26
SEEMS SURE

United States Submarine Sunk off Honolulu Harbor Not Found

HAS BEEN ON BOTTOM
MORE THAN 24 HOURS

Naval Authorities Think the Vessel Must Have Been Crushed

Trapped at the bottom of Honolulu harbor, under at least 35 fathoms of water and probably more, the United States submarine F-4 lies helpless, with her commander and at least 18 men in what is feared to be one of the worst boat disasters in the world's naval history.

More than 24 hours of every effort known to naval practice to raise the submarine boat or get a signal from her crew has failed. Her marker buoy, which should come to the top to mark her resting place in such an emergency, has failed to appear and the surface of the water at 30 fathoms is covered with a film of oil from the boat's tanks.

The navy department officials fear one of two calamities, either that the submarine struck a rock and the crew was drowned by the insurmountable waters or that there was an internal explosion. While the hope for the men is not given up, the greatest fears are entertained that they may have been lost in the first submarine disaster of the United States navy.

On the face of meagre official reports from the Honolulu naval station, the naval officers fear the boat may have slipped over the ledge on the volcanic rock bottom of the harbor, into some deep pocket, out of reach of help.

The F-4 was fitted with the latest improved air locks in the conning tower, enabling the men to escape and rise to the surface if not deeper than in 30 fathoms of water. The fact that none has appeared leads to the belief that the boat lies much deeper.

Honolulu, March 26.—Wireless messages received early to-day from the vessels which are searching for the missing U. S. submarine F-4, which has not reappeared since she went under at 9:15 yesterday morning, state that the work is progressing but there is nothing definite to report. The fate of the 26 men aboard the submarine is a matter of conjecture still. Lieut. Alfred L. Ede was commander. Divers yesterday descended to a depth of 190 feet and were brought up unconscious.

Three other submarines on the F group stationed here, the naval tug Navajo and launches are scouring the ocean for miles about the entrance to the harbor in search of the vessel which, was submerged two miles off the harbor while the little flotilla was engaged in target practice. It was not regarded as unusual for the F-4 should remain under water for an hour or more but by noon apprehension began to be felt. This increased as the afternoon wore on and the submarine began their search. The naval station was notified and other vessels were sent out to aid. Most of the 26 men aboard the vessel were married and have families.

MUST BE CRUSHED.

If the Submarine Sunk to Depth of 720 Feet.

Washington, D. C., March 26.—If the submarine F-4 is sunk in 120 fathoms of water, or 720 feet, as some Honolulu dispatches report, naval officers have no hope whatever that any of her crew is alive. At such a depth they say the submarine must be crushed and full of water.

COULD STAY UNDER 24 HOURS.

After That Occupants of Submarine Could Not Live.

Seattle, Wash., March 26.—The submarine F-4 was launched here Jan. 6, 1912, and was the first craft of the kind built by the Seattle Construction & Dry Dock Co.

ROOSEVELT DECLINES
TO GIVE TESTIMONY

Will Not Appear Before Committee on Ship Bill Lobby Relative to Writers Articles.

Washington, D. C., March 26.—Colonel Roosevelt has declined the invitation to testify before the Senate ship bill lobby committee on the ground that he has no information except such as is available to the public generally. The committee intended to question the colonel to-morrow about the articles written bearing on the charge that the administration was preparing to buy ships of European belligerents laid up in American ports.

Lucky to Have Too Little.

Callow—How much for a marriage license? Town Clerk—One dollar. Callow—Too little. Town Clerk—You're lucky.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

DETECTIVES KILLED
BY FLEEING YOUTH

Man Sought Was Wanted at Princeton, N. J., and He Escaped After Shooting Two Pursuers.

Philadelphia, March 26.—James Manceley, a central office detective, was shot and killed, and Harry Tucker, another detective, was mortally wounded last night in a running revolver battle with Jacob B. Miller, whom they attempted to arrest on a fugitive warrant. Miller, who is wanted at Princeton, N. J., escaped.

The two detectives arrested Miller without difficulty, and, without searching him for weapons, started to walk to a patrol box. After they had gone some distance, according to the police, the prisoner made an excuse to stop and then suddenly shot Tucker twice. Both bullets took effect in the detective's body.

Miller then darted up an alley, pursued by Manceley, who drew his own revolver. Turning, the fugitive killed Manceley with one shot and escaped before the crowd which had gathered could overtake him.

Miller, the authorities say, is also wanted for a \$3,000 jewelry robbery in this city. He is 21 years old.

VERDICT IS REVERSED

Brandon Boardinghouse Keeper Must Stand Suit Again.

Rutland, March 26.—A mandate from the circuit court of appeals of New York City has been received at the office of Clerk S. Platt in this city reversing the decision of the lower court in the case of Miss Augusta E. Trowbridge of Brooklyn, against Frank Chandler, proprietor of a boardinghouse on the borders of Silver lake, a few miles outside of Brandon. The judge in the lower court directed a verdict for the defense in the negligence suit, but the decision of the higher court sends the case back for retrial.

It is claimed by the plaintiff, who is represented by Batchelder & Bates of Bennington, that while a guest at the summer home she fell down a flight of stairs one night, sustaining serious injuries. She alleges that the stairs were not properly guarded and on this point makes her claim of negligence. She is a school teacher.

The first trial in United States court was before Judge Meyers, who came to Vermont while the late James L. Martin was busy in another district, and at the close of the plaintiff's case directed a verdict for the defendant. The case was brought in an attempt to recover \$5,000 damages. Attorneys Butters & Botsford and T. W. Moloney represented Mr. Chandler, who is an old man. It was claimed the accident happened August 12, 1912.

FLAG FREELY ABUSED.

"Torn and Dragged Half Down the Pole" in Mexico City.

Washington, D. C., March 26.—How the American flag which was flying over the home of John B. McManus, a citizen of the United States in Mexico, was torn and dragged half down the pole by Zapata soldiers when they murdered McManus and looted his house two weeks ago, is told in dispatches from the Brazilian minister, made public yesterday by Secretary Bryan.

This incident was reported at the time the death of McManus was being investigated, but there had been no announcement of it until yesterday. Secretary Bryan said repatriation for the insult to the flag had been asked for from the Zapata authorities, but that so far no reply had come. In answer to inquiries he said there had been no demand for a salute to the flag, as in the Tampico affair.

An expression of regret for the killing of McManus already has been received from General Palafox, the Zapata commander, with a promise of indemnity for the family and punishment for the slayers if apprehended.

NOW BISHOP IN FACT.

Rev. George Y. Bliss Accepts Position as Coadjutor.

Burlington, March 26.—Rev. George Y. Bliss has been notified by Presiding Bishop Tuttle that a canonical majority of consents to his consecration has been received from the bishops of the church and as this completes his election to be bishop coadjutor of Vermont. The consecration will probably be on April 21 at St. Paul's church. The New England bishops will be present and one or two from other dioceses either west or south. Dr. Bliss expects to present his resignation of rector of St. Paul's Saturday.

BRINGS DIVORCE SUIT.

Serene Woman Claims to be Deserted Wife of Virginia J. Mayo.

Saratoga, Pa., March 26.—Consent for Mrs. Florence Weeks Mayo of this city yesterday filed a suit for divorce against Virginia J. Mayo, the New Haven manufacturer, who recently came into public notice through the death of Lillian Cook, his stenographer.

The papers represent that Florence Mayo and Virginia J. Mayo have been married since May 11, 1908. In December, 1907, Mayo is charged with "fraudulently and maliciously deserting and abandoning himself from the habitation of his wife, without any just or reasonable cause."

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A bill relating to the weights and measures department, which department has been thoroughly discussed by the present session, was ordered to a third reading, but as it was believed that much of the bill is eliminated. The bill as introduced would have raised the salary of the commissioner to \$1,800 per year, from \$1,600, and would have raised the annual appropriation from \$12,000 to \$15,000, and would have had the general assembly elect the commissioner, instead of having it as an appointive office. This did not meet with the approval of the committee, and the provisions were stricken out in the report. The bill simply provides for the appointment of deputies in state institutions to check up supplies received.

The Senate passed in concurrence the bill providing that the vestibules of electric cars be heated at the order of the public service commission, with an amendment that the penalty be stricken out. Senator Roberts opposed the bill. Senator Carter favored, as it placed the matter in the hands of the commission.

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VERDICT ORDERED
FOR RESPONDENT

Michael Tracy Set Free of Charge of Trying to Smuggle Liquor into Washington County Jail.

After the state had put on five witnesses in the case of State vs. Michael Tracy, charged with attempting to smuggle liquor into the Washington county jail, when the case was tried in county court yesterday afternoon, Attorney John H. Senter and W. A. Lord, who had been assigned for the defense, entered a motion that a verdict be given their client on the ground that the state had not proven its case. The court, on hearing the motion, instructed the jury to return a verdict of not guilty, which the jury did without leaving their seats. And Michael Tracy went free.

The case was brought against Tracy when he was found outside a window of the county jail by the wife of Deputy Sheriff Roy Getman, an attaché of the jail. Mrs. Getman notified her husband and others, and they pursued Tracy. On capturing Tracy, they found two sealed bottles of liquor on his person, and they then arrested the fellow. Deputy Getman and his wife, Deputy Emery, Sheriff Frank Tracy and a barkeeper testified in the case for the state, after which the verdict was returned as already stated.

Arthur Rogers of Northfield, aged 22, pleaded guilty to an information charging him with adultery under the blanket act on March 16 with Kate Dumas. Rogers, aged 27, who is said to have a husband in Chazy, N. Y. The woman also was in court on a similar charge. The man was sentenced to not less than a year and not more than a year and a half in the house of correction, while the woman was sent to the same institution for two years.

Hiram Thornton of Montpelier was arraigned for a simple assault and pleaded guilty. He was fined \$25, with costs, amounting in all to \$33.70. He expects to pay, but in case of failure will be sent to the house of correction.

Thomas Fitz Gibbons of Montpelier was arraigned on an information charging a subsequent offense of intoxication. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$15, with costs of \$8.70. If he doesn't pay, he will go to the county jail.

Mary Gibbons of Northfield, wife of the last-named respondent, was arraigned on an information charging adultery with one Lawrence Burns on March 10. She pleaded guilty and was sentenced to not less than two years and not more than three years in the state prison at Windsor.

In the case of State vs. Clarence E. Foley, ap., of Barre, a plea of not guilty was entered, and the respondent was placed on \$200 bail, which was furnished by A. H. Burke of Barre. The respondent was charged with committing the breach of the peace on H. A. Rugg in Barre.

ONE FOOT CRUSHED

When He Fell from Train on Which He Tried to Steal a Ride.

Bellows Falls, March 26.—Joseph A. McDonough, aged 18, sustained a badly crushed foot, part of which will have to be amputated, when he fell beneath a freight car on which he was trying to steal a ride yesterday. He was taken to the Rockingham hospital. The boy comes from Portland, Me., and he was accompanied by James Henley, aged 18, also of Portland, who is at the hospital with him.

BECOMES ARMY CHAPLAIN.

Rev. Clifford Lore Miller Assigned to Fifth Infantry Regiment.

Dorby Line, March 26.—Rev. Clifford Lore Miller, who resigned the pastorate of the Universalist church to take an appointment to a chaplaincy in the United States army, has been ordered to report at Fort Ethan Allen for instruction and will be assigned to the 5th regiment infantry now stationed at Panama.

THREE CASES OF SMALL POX.

St. Albans Also Has Over 50 Cases of Mumps.

St. Albans, March 26.—There are three cases of smallpox in the city at present, all in a mild form. The patients are Joseph Warner of Federal street, Walter Guyette of Edward street and the young child of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Notemeyer of Aldis street. There are over 50 cases of mumps in the city and one case of whooping cough.

ANOTHER GRANDSON.

Kaiser Wilhelm's Family Received an Addition Yesterday.

London, March 26.—The Duchess of Brunswick, formerly Princess Victoria Louise, daughter of Emperor William, gave birth to a son yesterday afternoon, according to a dispatch from Brunswick received by Reuters' Telegram company by way of Amsterdam.

The marriage of Prince Ernest August of Cumberland and Princess Victoria Louise took place at Berlin on May 28, 1913. Their first son was born March 19 of last year.

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